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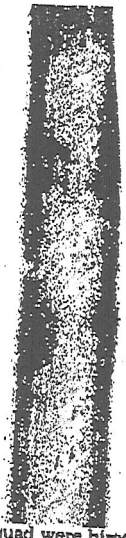
Kennedy 'killed by a Mafia hitman'

A FRENCH hitman killed America's President John Kennedy on the orders of Mafia bosses, a sensational TV film will claim tonight.

The film names hoodlum Lucien Sarti—known as "The Madman"—as the actual killer who carried out the assassination which shook the world 25 years ago.

President Kennedy was blasted through the head by a single dum-dum bullet as his motorcade drove through Dallas, Texas, in November, 1963.



The hit squad were hired by Mafia chiefs to stop a probe into their operations by Kennedys brother Robert, then America's law chief.

All three gunmen escaped and became millionaires after being paid in heroin for killing the President.

Sarti was mysteriously gunned down by Mexican police in 1972.

But his accomplices, Sauveur Pironti and Roger Bocognani, are both alive and living in Marseilles, France.

Tonight's film follows four years of work by researcher Steve Rivele, who pieced together the plot after confessions by two former Mafia men.

Rivele says French drug smuggler Christian David was originally offered the contract to kill an American politician dubbed: "The highest vegetable."

David refused—so Sarti and the others were hired.

The film also claims that Oswald had an unexplained meeting with a Mafia boss in New Orleans two weeks before the killing.

Lee Harvey Oswald—later murdered by Mafia-hired hitman Jack Ruby

Oswald . . . 'fall guy'

before he could face trial—was arrested and accused of the killing.

But tonight's film, The Men Who Killed Kennedy, says dramatic new evidence has been uncovered showing Oswald was just a fall guy.

It claims Sarti and two henchmen, all members of the Corsican Mafia, ambushed the president's car.

Viewers will see new film showing a blurred figure—alleged to be Sarti—disguised as a policeman, and hiding behind a fence firing at the President.

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